

Application No. 10/816,160
Docket No. PE0669USDIV

Remarks

Status of the Application

Claims 2-11 and 14 are pending and are acknowledged as allowable over the closest prior art. Claims 2 and 6-8 are amended stylistically without altering the scope of the claims. Claim 3 is amended to improve clarity by reciting "linear and branched butyl groups." The basis for this latter amendment can be found at page 2, lines 1-3, page 4, lines 4-6, and page 5, line 35 to page 6, line 6.

For clarity reasons, double underlines are used to show words and formula additions to the claims because single underlines already exist in some claims.

Alleged Claim Informalities

Claims 2-11 and 14 were objected to because of the inclusion of the language "Formula XII in Figure 12" recited in claims 2 and 6. The claims are amended to replace the reference to Formula XII with the formula itself.

In Claim 2, the Examiner suggests amending the term "or" to read "and optionally" in two places. These amendments have been made.

In Claim 7, the Examiner suggests changing "alkoxy group" to "OR¹" and "esters" to "CO₂R¹ groups." The amended claims conform to this suggestion.

Additionally, in Claims 9-11, the Examiner objects to the inconsistency of use between "hydrogen" and the chemical symbol "H" within the claims. Applicants appreciate the suggestion to use "hydrogen" but have opted to use "H" in all occurrences because it reduces the number of "original" claims to be amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2-11 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite.

In regard to Claim 2, Applicants have amended claim 2 to include Formula XII itself rather than a reference to it. The amendment renders this rejection moot.

In regard to Claim 7, the phrase "especially CF₃" is deleted from the claim. This resolves the issue cited by the Examiner without limiting the scope of the claim.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections should not be reapplied to the pending claims. Applicants further respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit a notice of allowance for Claims 2-11 and 14.

Should the Examiner have questions about the application or the contents of this paper, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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